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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: A. UMEMOTO et al. Conf.: 7879

Appl. No.: 09/504,438 Group: 2654

Filed: February 15, 2000 Examiner: D. KNEPPER

For: INFORMATION SELECTION APPARATUS  
SELECTING DESIRED INFORMATION FROM  
PLURALITY OF AUDIO INFORMATION BY  
MAINLY USING AUDIO

RECEIVED

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REQUEST FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Technology Center 2600

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 25, 2003

Sir:

This Request for Personal Interview is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. In order to further prosecution in the present application, Applicants respectfully request an Interview. Prior to issuing a first Office Action in this matter, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' representative, Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at telephone number (703-208-4005) in order to discuss the outstanding rejections.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

**Application No.:** 09/504,438

**First Named Applicant:** A. UMEMOTO et al.

**Examiner:** Knepper

**Art Unit:** 2654

**Status of Application:**

**Tentative Participants:**

(1) Catherine Voisinet

(2) David Knepper

(3)

(4)

**Proposed Date of Interview:** 1/07/04

**Proposed Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Type of Interview Requested:**

(1) [ ] Telephonic

(2) [X] Personal

(3) [ ] Video Conference

**Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated:** [ ] YES [X] NO

**If yes, provide brief description:**

### Issues To Be Discussed

<b>Issues (Rei, Obi, etc.)</b>	<b>Claims/ File #s</b>	<b>Prior Art</b>	<b>Discussed</b>	<b>Agreed</b>	<b>Not Agreed</b>
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(1) 35 U.S.C. § 103	1, 9-11, 16, 18-19, 27-29	Kobayashi	.	—	—
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[ ] Continuation Sheet Attached

**Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:**

*Kobayashi* fails to teach “storing an association between each of a plurality of information and at least one sound...” as recited in claims 1 and 9-10; fails to teach “...sequentially switching the plurality of information.” as recited in claims 11, 16, and 18; fails to teach “...an information presentation apparatus wherein the modified presentation status includes one of a status of presenting simultaneously a plurality of sound information with the presentation position altered as recited in claim 19; and fails to teach “...modifying a presentation status according to a property of the audio information to be presented...” as recited in claim 27-28.

**An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on**

**NOTE:**

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

**(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)**

**(Examiner/SPE Signature)**